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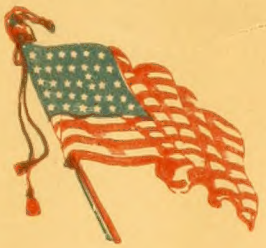
"Our Great  of the Free."

Composed by and dedicated to ASBURY PARK LODGE, B. P. O. ELKS, Number 128, by Brother Hartie I. Phillips. (A short allusion is made to every State in the Union, leading up to our national air, "America," which will be sung at the end of the third stanza.)

1

There's Maine with her rocky shores,- New Hampshire, White Mountains, see,
Massachusetts with her Bunker Hill,- and there's sunny Tennessee;
Kentucky with her Mammoth Cave,- and New Jersey's ocean blue,
Connecticut, with river grand,- Mississippi'll also do;
There's Virginia's vast tobacco fields,- and there's Oklahoma young,
Of Carolina's cotton fields, many pretty songs, are sung;
Illinois great Chicago has,- of Nevada's gold fields tell,
Rhode Island has her Newport,- and New York you can't excel.

REFRAIN:

For the U. S. stands for us,- happy family are we,
The stars, the stripes, the eagle, emblems are, of Liberty;
Then give three cheers, and hurrah, to our great flag of the free,
For 'tis our own, our native land, "My country, 'tis of thee."

2

California's climate and big trees,- Vermont, her mountains Green,
Colorado, lofty Pike's Peak,- Utah, Salt Lake, serene:
IN Delaware luscious peaches grow,- Indiana's corn fields wave,
Montana with her copper mines,- and Texas, cowboys brave;
Pennsylvania's pride, her Liberty bell,- in Washington, ~~is~~ Seattle, fair,
Wisconsin has great lumber mills,- Arkansas, Hot Springs, rare;
In Georgia famous pine trees thrive,- in Dakotas', Black Hills stand,
Minnesota, golden wheat fields, and Florida, our orange land.

(Refrain.)

3

There's Wyoming's Rocky Mountain steep,- Kansas' prairies, cattle graze,
Oregon's salmon fisheries,- Nebraska's oat fields, ~~the~~ soft wind, sways,
Louisiana's sugar cane,- of Iowa's lead mines tell,
Maryland's noted terrapin,- and Idaho's mines as well,
Michigan's mission furniture,- Missouri, St. Louis has,
Ohio, woolen industries,- Alabama's ~~iron~~ mines, will pass:
And last, not least, is Washington, and the Capitol, there you see,
Where are made the laws that govern, for this great land of the free.

(Refrain.)

For the U. S. stands for us,- happy family are we,
The stars, the stripes, the eagle, emblems are, of Liberty.
Then give three cheers, and hurrah, to our great flag, of the free,
ALL JOIN IN THE CHORUS, "My country, 'tis of thee."

Chorus (to be sung).

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring."

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